

CHARTER DEFENSE HEALTH BOARD

- A. Official Designation: The Committee shall be known as the Defense Health Board (hereafter referred to as the Board).
- B. Objectives and Scope of Activities: The Board, under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, as amended, shall provide the Secretary of Defense, through the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs and the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, independent advice and recommendations on matters pertaining to operational programs, policy development, and research programs and requirements for the treatment and prevention of disease and injury, the promotion of health and the delivery of efficient, effective, and high quality health care services to Department of Defense beneficiaries. The Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness or designated representatives, unless otherwise directed by statute, may act upon the Board's advice and recommendations.
- C. Board Membership: The Board shall be composed of not more than twenty five members, who are eminent authorities within their respective health fields. Board Members and Subcommittee Members appointed by the Secretary of Defense, who are not full-time Federal officers or employees, shall serve as Special Government Employees under the authority of 5 U.S.C. § 3109.

Board Members and Subcommittee Members, unless otherwise directed by statute, shall be appointed for two-year terms by the Secretary of Defense and reviewed on an annual basis. Board Members and Subcommittee Members, unless otherwise directed by statute or determined by the Secretary of Defense, shall, with the exception of travel and per diem for official travel, serve without compensation.

The President of the Board shall be appointed by the Secretary of Defense based on the recommendation of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. The President shall serve in this capacity for a period of two years. The Board President may, by reelection, serve a second term, but shall not exceed two successive terms. Members who participate in the Department of Defense's decision making process are ineligible to serve as President.

- C. Board Meetings: The Board shall meet at the call of the Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the Board President. The estimated number of Board Meetings is six per year. The Board shall be authorized to establish Subcommittees, as necessary and consistent with its mission, and these subcommittees or working groups shall operate under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, as amended and appropriate Federal Regulations.

Such Subcommittees or Working Groups shall not work independently of the chartered Board, and shall report their recommendations and advice to the Board for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees or Working Groups have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered Board nor can they report directly to the Agency or any Federal officers or employees not Board Members.

- E. Duration and Termination of the Board: The need for this advisory function is on a continuing basis; however, it is subject to renewal every two years.

- F. Agency Support: The Department of Defense, through the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (Director, TRICARE Management Activity), shall provide support as deemed necessary for the performance of the Board's functions, and shall ensure compliance with the requirements of 5 U.S.C. Appendix.
- G. Operating Costs: It is estimated that the annual operating costs, to include travel costs, consultant fees, and contract support, are \$1,000,000. The estimated annual personnel costs to the Department of Defense are 4.0 full-time equivalents (FTEs).
- H. Charter Filed: November 9, 2006

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Office of the Secretary of Defense

Review of Department of Defense Supported Federal Advisory Committees

AGENCY: DoD

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, as amended (5 U.S.C., Appendix) and 41 CFR, Parts 102-3 through 102-3.185, the Department of Defense gives notice of changes to several existing DoD-Supported Federal Advisory Committees.

These changes are a result of the Department of Defense's continuing efforts to improve its Federal Advisory Committee Management Program by streamlining the independent advice and recommendations being received by the Secretary of Defense and his senior advisors. Key to the Department of Defense's efforts was the need to provide the Secretary of Defense and his senior advisors a strategic view of issues by establishing a foundation for cross communications and integrated thinking which is centrally funneled to the ultimate decision maker.

The specific changes being made are:

A. Effective October 1, 2006 the Department of Defense establishes the Defense Health Board. This Federal Advisory Committee shall advise the Secretary of Defense, through the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) and the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) on matters pertaining to operational programs, policy development, and research programs and requirements for the

treatment and prevention of disease and injury, the promotion of health and the delivery of health care services to Department of Defense beneficiaries.

B. Effective September 30, 2006 the Department of Defense disestablishes the following chartered Federal Advisory Committees and reestablishes their missions through non-chartered subcommittees of the Defense Health Board effective October 1, 2006:

Armed Forces Epidemiological Board

Board of Directors for Amputee Patient Care Program

Scientific Advisory Board of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology

C. Effective September 30, 2006 the Department of Defense disestablishes the Department of Defense Mental Health Task Force as a subcommittee of the Armed Forces Epidemiological Board and reestablishes it as an non-chartered subcommittee of the Defense Health Board. The Department of Defense Mental Health Task Force, as a subcommittee of the Defense Health Board, shall comply with the provisions of Section 723 of Public Law 109-163.

D. Effective September 30, 2006 the Department of Defense disestablishes the following chartered Federal Advisory Committees and reestablishes their mission through non-chartered subcommittees of the Defense Science Board effective October 1, 2006:

Joint Advisory Committee on Nuclear Weapons Surety

DoD Advisory Group on Electronic Devices

These committees and their subcommittees provide necessary and valuable independent advice to the Secretary of Defense and other senior Defense officials in

their respective areas of expertise. They make important contributions to DoD efforts in research and development, education, and training, and various technical program areas.

It is a continuing DoD policy to make every effort to achieve a balanced membership on all DoD advisory committees. Each committee is evaluated in terms of the functional disciplines, levels of experience, professional diversity, public and private association, and similar characteristics required to ensure a high degree of balance is obtained.

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Review of DHB Charter and Federal Register Announcement

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